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SUBJECT: GAMBIAN DELEGATION TO 31ST UNGA

REF: A) STATE 180074, B) BANJUL 0992

1. THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED ACTING CHARGE THAT
GAMBIAN DELEGATION TO 31ST UNGA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

ALIEU BADARA NJIE, MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CHAIRMAN
LAMIN K JABANG, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
ERIC CHRISTENSEN, SECRETARY GENERAL
BOCAR O. SEMEGA-JANNEH, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON
EBOU M. TAAL, AMBASSADOR TO BRUSSELS

ALTERNATE DELEGATES WILL BE

OMADI A. DIARRA, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO DAKAR
OUSMAN A. SALLAH, AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA
MOMADOU B. WADDA, DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
HASAM CEESAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, EXTERNAL AFFAIRES

2. AN ADVANCE TEAM OF WADDA, DIARRA, AND CEESAY WILL ARRIVE
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IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 18, AND ARE SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AT

UN UNTIL MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER NJIE, CHRISTENSEN, AND SALLAH WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 15, DIRECTLY FROM THEIR TRIP TO SEVERAL SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTER'S PARTY PLANS ARRIVAL ON EC742 ARRIVING JFK FROM MONTREAL AT 10:40 AM SEPTEMBER 15. FOREIGN MINISTER PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK UNTIL OCTOBER 23, WITH RETURN TRIP TO UNGA PLANNED BEFORE ITS CLOSE.

4. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT ANY OF DELEGATION WILL REQUEST MEETING WITH SECSTATE OR OTHER HIGH US OFFICIALS. OFFICE OF PRESIDENT REAFFIRMS THAT PRESIDENT JAWARA WILL NOT ATTEND ANY UNGA SESSIONS.

5. IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SEPT. 1 IT APPEARED THAT HE IS DETERMINED TO SUPERVISE PERSONALLY GAMBIAN DELEGATION VOTING ON KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING KOREAN RESOLUTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTER REITERATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT GAMBIAN DELEGATION'S PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR AND VOWED IT WOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

6. COMMENT: WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DETERMINATION IS TO BE LAUDED, IT APPEARS THAT HIS DETERMINATION IS NOT MATCHED BY HIS CONTROL OVER FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS WITHIN GOTG. THERE ARE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES BEING MADE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND GOTG OFFICIALS OUTSIDE MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY VERBAL ON FOREIGN POLICY. ROBINSON

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